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REMARKS

In the June 17, 2004 Office Action, the Examiner has objected to claims 3, 5, 7, 8, 14, 15, 27, and 29-30, but indicated that those claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicants have thus rewritten the above-mentioned claims in independent form (with the exception of claim 8, which remains dependent on claim 7), and have cancelled the remaining claims without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter thereof.

In view of the foregoing, applicants respectfully submit that this case is in condition for allowance.

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